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- **9 a.m.** Canada takes on Latvia in the quarter-finals of men's hockey. Latvia was winless in its first three games before upsetting Switzerland in the qualifier.

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Blades of glory

From left, Canada's Marie-Eve Drolet, Valerie Maltais and Marianne St-Gelais took the silver medal in the women's 3,000-metre short-track speedskating relay final in Sochi, Tuesday STORY ON PAGE 27

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Voting bylaw changes

ABCs of voting in 2014 civic election

Affleck, Ball, Carr, Deal ... now you know your Vancouver city councillors.

Candidates were listed in alphabetical order on the ballot for the last municipal elections, but councillors discussed shaking up the list in time for the November election as they approved other voting bylaw changes on Tuesday.

Coun. Raymond Louie also wondered if candidates' photos can be placed on the ballot to ensure people know who they're choosing, but City Clerk Janice MacKenzie said the rules are quite strict for how a ballot can be prepared.

The only other option for the ballot, according to the Vancouver Charter, is for candidates' names to be written on paper, put in a container "sufficiently large to allow them to be shaken" and placed on the list in the order they're picked out.

"The greatest flexibility we have is around communications and outreach, not so much with the ballot itself," MacKenzie said regarding plans to encourage more people to vote.

The "housekeeping" bylaw changes approved Monday will ensure advanced voting, which typically takes place on the fourth and 10th days before the election, won't take place on Remembrance Day. Instead, people will be able to vote the day before.

It will also extend the vote-by-mail period to 18 days before the election from 12 days. The ballots will be available immediately after they're printed.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

The Drug Users Resource Centre in the Downtown Eastside uses innovative methods to reduce harm, including a polka-dotted crack-pipe vending machine that made headlines around the world. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Home brew program helps alcohol addicts

Drug Users Resource Centre. Non-profit says participants must attend weekly meetings to be eligible

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Instead of sitting back while illicit drinkers poison themselves with high-alcohol products like Listerine and hand sanitizer, a Vancouver non-profit decided to help them get away from the products no human is meant to ingest.

The Portland Hotel Society (PHS) — yes, the same folks that made headlines around the world last week for crack-pipe vending machines — offers a program in which severe alcoholics can make home brews at its Drug Users Resource Centre located across from Oppenheimer Park, a green space where some of the problem drinkers congregate during the day.

Called the "drinkers lounge," members in the year-old program must attend weekly meetings to be eligible to brew their own booze, said Mark Townsend of the PHS.

If people attend the meetings to discuss health, learn CPR and get help with treatment plans, they can then contribute $10 to buy a brew kit with four others.

"We want there to be a commitment to education and the group to be a positive influence," Townsend said. "We don't want to just randomly hand out stuff."

About 30 people are involved in brewing, with another 60 enrolled just for the meetings.

Outside of the club, the centre has a hydration team that goes out twice a day to places where illicit drinkers hang out to check on them, encourage them to drink water or juice and bring them back to the centre.

It's a pragmatic, self-funded initiative that helps a very small group of people — an estimated 200 — who, if left on the streets to ingest substances like hairspray, often have negative interactions with police or end up in hospital, Townsend said.

While initiatives like this and the vending machine tend to grab headlines, they're all part of how the PHS reduces harm in cost-effective ways. It also provides detox, banking services and housing.

"All these things fit in the same basket of intervention," Townsend said, noting that managed alcohol programs have been underway with doctor supervision at one of its social-housing sites for eight years. This program simply targets people who are more transient, he said, and there has been no pushback at all since it started.

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Scrapped. City hits brakes on Kitsilano bike path

City plans to build a 12-foot-wide paved bike path through Kitsilano and Hadden parks screeched to a halt Monday, prompting celebration from opponents and disappointment from cycling advocates.

With a date looming for residents to fight the plan in B.C. Supreme Court, the park board canned the $2.2-million project.

"Park saved! One small victory," posted the Save Kits Beach Now Coalition on Twitter.

The change of heart came from listening to "significant concern" in the community, according to a statement from park-board chair Niki Sharma.

Instead, park-board staff will explore other ways to improve safety along the existing route — a busy, seaside path shared by pedestrians and cyclists, Sharma said.

The cash will go toward other pedestrian- and cycling-safety projects around the city.

NPA park-board commissioners, who voted against the plan, celebrated it as a victory against Vision Vancouver.

"I'm happy to see that, after a widespread public outcry, this proposal has been stopped," commissioner John Coupar said in a statement.

The court date for the legal challenge was set for March 12, but it will not proceed. Launched by resident Megan Carvell Davis, it alleged the bike path would violate the trust to keep the park "as near as possible to its present state of nature," a stipulation set when Harvey Hadden donated the land to the city in 1928.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Bummed out bikers

"Obviously, we're disappointed."

Colin Stein, spokesman for the cycling advocacy group HUB

Pollution. Toxicologist to lead aquarium research

Canada's only marine-mammal toxicologist is heading a new research program into ocean pollution, the Vancouver Aquarium announced Tuesday.

Peter Ross has been tasked with scrutinizing the effects pollution has on the Pacific Ocean and its inhabitants. He joined the aquarium on Jan. 28 to found the new program, which will see work conducted both in the field and at a brand-new state-of-the-art laboratory.

"This is an area of study that must not be overlooked," said Ross in a statement. "By launching this program, we're meeting immediate scientific, conservation and education needs."

Ross has more than 25 years of experience in marine pollution research and is recognized as a world expert in the field.

The aquarium says Ross will study marine mammals as sentinels of ocean pollution, clean seafoods for coastal communities, marine debris and microplastics, hydrocarbons in the coast environment and emerging pollutant concerns.

Aquarium president John Nightingale said the program will enable it "to further examine the impacts of ocean pollutants and provide recommendations to the wider scientific community on how to protect our waterways."

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

New website

Mayors clarify transit stance

Chided by the province for not having a singular vision, the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation has launched a website to "set the record straight."

Launched on Tuesday, translinkmayors.ca outlines where the region's mayors stand on TransLink's governance, support for projects, funding and the upcoming referendum. METRO

Earth in high-def

Space cameras pass initial tests

A Vancouver-based company says its Ultra HD cameras have successfully passed initial functional tests on the International Space Station.

UrtheCast announced Tuesday its two cameras are on track to release their first commercial-grade video and imagery of Earth in the second quarter of this year.

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The exterior of Surrey's brand-new city hall near Surrey Central SkyTrain station in Whalley. The $97-million facility opened last week. ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO

City hall the new centre of Surrey

'Metropolitan core.'
$97-million building to operate as community hub for growing city

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Surrey's new city hall is open for business.

More than 750 staff from five different locations moved in to the six-storey glass structure on 104th Avenue last week. Mayor Dianne Watts unveiled the new digs to a crush of reporters Tuesday morning.

"I have to say that the investment in the city hall here and our commitment to ensuring that this is the second metropolitan core of the region was very important for us," she said.

Surrey is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Canada, with an estimated 1,200 new people moving to the city every month.

The new building is part of the city's push to create a central hub for commerce, play and living — this in a municipality with six distinct town centres.

Among the new city hall's neighbours are a new library, university campus, SkyTrain station and a forest of towering, glass condos.

The new city hall will act as a central meeting point for Surrey residents. The building houses a public daycare and community meeting rooms and its expansive courtyard will soon be bustling with public events. Residents can even use council chambers as a theatre when council is not in session.

Check it out

The new city hall will have its grand opening April 26, during the city's Party for the Planet festival.

The 210,000-square-foot building cost the city $97 million to build. But Watts says the big move has attracted $3 billion in investment to the new core. That's a lot of money in property taxes — more than enough to cover construction costs, says Watts.

The city also expects to generate $37 million in revenue over 25 years from leasing the old city hall.

While the glass encircling the main lobby is newly polished, signs of construction are still evident.

"The building is about 95 per cent there," said Lalonde. "It's sometimes difficult to wait for 100 per cent there. But the important thing for us was to really open on the promised date for service."

Anyone who didn't get the message about the move can still receive service at the old city hall.

Prank call distracts rescuers on Cypress

A prank phone call had rescuers scouring Cypress Mountain for an imaginary hiker Monday night.

Rescuers were already on Cypress searching for an out-of-bounds snowboarder when dispatchers received a "garbled" call around 7 p.m., said Alan McMordie with North Shore Rescue.

The male on the other end sounded distressed, but the call was disconnected before dispatchers could get more information, said McMordie.

Police contacted the caller's cell-phone carrier and discovered the call was made from Cypress Mountain.

The phone belonged a 15-year-old Victoria boy who was living with his mother in Vancouver. Rescuers learned the teen had gone to Cypress for the day but couldn't get in touch with him to confirm he was all right.

Finally, after hours of searching, the boy called the rescuers back around 10 p.m.

The teen had no recollection of making such a call when police contacted him and told officers a friend may have made the call when he stepped out to buy food.

Police couldn't say exactly who placed the call but "urge all parents to consider a frank discussion with children in their care about the risks posed by prank 911 calls," according to a press release issued by West Vancouver police.

The lost boarder found his way to the top of Capilano Road at Cleveland Dam, about 20 kilometres away from where he was last seen.

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B.C.'s 'boring, balanced' budget

Including two-tiered LNG tax plan. Finance minister 'projects surpluses totalling $841 million' over three-year plan

B.C.'s Liberal government tabled a balanced budget Tuesday, delivering a fiscal blueprint that forecasts three years of surpluses and introduces plans to levy a two-tiered income tax on a liquefied natural gas industry that is years away from production.

Finance Minister Mike de Jong said his "boring, balanced" budget is the second consecutive surplus for his government — a result of their commitment to controlling spending and adhering to the hard-work values of British Columbians who re-elected the Liberals last May despite a widespread expectation they were heading for defeat at the hands of the Opposition New Democrats.

The government will end the current fiscal year with a surplus of $175 million. The Liberal fiscal plan forecasts a surplus of $184 million in 2014-2015, a surplus of $206 million in 2015-2016 and a surplus of $451 2016-2017, he said.

"It may not be glitzy or chock full of goodies, but it is the right plan for British Columbia," he said.

"The three-year plan I am presenting today actually projects surpluses totalling $841 million over three years of the plan. That doesn't mean it's all clear sailing. In fact, to continue meeting our targets, we will have to rely on more of that old-fashioned discipline that got us here in the first place."

B.C. and Saskatchewan are the only provinces in Canada to post balanced budgets this year.

De Jong's budget paid a great deal of attention to the LNG industry, even though prospective plants are at least three years away from operating. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Budget by the numbers

- The total provincial debt is forecast to be $64.7 billion in 2014-15, $66.9 billion in 2015-16 and $68.9 billion in 2016-17.
- The province anticipates nominal economic growth will average 2.6 per cent during the next three years.
- Total government spending this year is forecast at $44.4 billion.
- The budget earmarks $29 million over three years to attract LNG development.
- There is also $9 million set aside over three years for environmental assessments of proposed LNG, mining and other major projects.
- The government plans to devote $5 million over five years to grow the aerospace and defence sector.
- Taxes on tobacco will increase by 32 cents per pack, or $3.20 per carton on April 1.

Premier Christy Clark listens as B.C. Finance Minister Mike de Jong tables the provincial budget in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday in Victoria. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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'Families First'? B.C.'s budget a long way off

Families first was a popular political slogan for the Liberals, but families weren't necessarily first in an admittedly modest budget unveiled Tuesday by B.C. Finance Minister Mike de Jong.

De Jong acknowledged that what he described as a "boring" budget in "a happy state of boring" has little in the way of spending surprises or windfalls.

"Economic growth and spending discipline mean we have some modest additional dollars — and I do emphasize modest — to help families," de Jong said.

The budget promises $350 million over the next three years for families and individuals most in need. The bulk of that scant new spending — $243 million — will go to Community Living B.C. and $15 million will go to the Children's Ministry for children and youth with special needs.

The rest of the spending touted for families will go to the RCMP policing costs, which will see a $15 million increase, and $6 million for legal-aid services.

The budget holds the line on K-12 and post-secondary education spending, with no money included for either a $2 million court judgment against the government in favour of B.C. teachers, or funds to address issues such as class-size and working conditions at the heart of the legal dispute. The government has publicly estimated the total potential cost of the case could reach $1 billion.

B.C. residents will see a $2.50-per-month increase in maximum monthly premiums for the Medical Services Plan but no change in personal income tax rates.

The province will proceed with a previously announced B.C. Training and Education grant, which provides $1,200 as a one-time payment for every child in B.C. born in 2007 or later whose family has a registered education savings plan in their name. De Jong said RESP registration has jumped 10 per cent since his government announced the plan last year but indicated enrolment still falls short of the 40,000 families who qualify every year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Families in need

$350M

The budget promises $350 million over three years for families and individuals in need.

Bringing ... sexy(?) back

"Boring seems to be the new sexy. The core themes of this budget are clearly stay the course, prudence, and vigilance."

Iain Black, president of the Vancouver Board of Trade

The future will be cost saving

"Today's provincial budget means putting off critical investments that will generate better health outcomes and cost savings in the future."

Bonnie Pearson, Hospital Employees' Union

Don't bet the ... oh

"The B.C. government is betting the farm on the development of a massive LNG industry in B.C. It is clear from today's budget, however, that there will not be corresponding protection of our environment."

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Anti-government protesters clash with riot police in Kyiv's Independence Square in Ukraine on Tuesday, where thousands of police attacked the large opposition camp in Ukraine's capital. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police, protesters killed in clashes in Ukraine

Kyiv. Officers in riot gear moved against main protest camp as anti-government faction fought back with rocks, bats and firebombs

Amid cries of "Glory to Ukraine!" and with flaming tires lighting up the night sky, thousands of riot police armed with stun grenades and water cannons attacked the protest camp in the centre of Kyiv on Tuesday, following a day of street battles that left 18 people dead and hundreds injured.

The violence was the deadliest in nearly three months of anti-government protests that have paralyzed Ukraine's capital in a struggle over the nation's identity.

With the boom of exploding stun grenades and fireworks nearly drowning out his words at times, opposition leader Vitali Klitschko urged the 20,000 protesters to defend the camp on Independence Square.

As police dismantled some of the barricades on the perimeter of the square and tried to push away the protesters, they fought back with rocks, bats and firebombs.

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Canadian connection

A handful of anti-government protesters have taken shelter inside the Canadian embassy.

- Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird's office says they are peaceful and have not caused any damage or harm to staff.

Russia. Members of Pussy Riot defiant after being detained by police in Sochi

Russian punk group Pussy Riot burst onto the Olympic scene Tuesday when two of its members were picked up by police in Sochi — and then ran away defiant down a rain-soaked street a few hours later, shouting and wearing their trademark balaclavas.

The police questioning of Russia's most recognizable punk rockers, along with detentions of activists in recent days, brought political tensions to the fore at Vladimir Putin's showcase Winter Olympics.

Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Maria Alekhina, along with seven others, were held by police near Sochi's ferry terminal, a popular area for fans celebrating the Games. Police said they were questioned in connection with a theft at a hotel. No charges were filed.

"Putin will teach you how to love the motherland!" the women chanted on leaving the police station, their fists in the air and blue, pink and orange ski masks covering their faces.

Tolokonnikova said Tuesday's detention followed three days of police harassment. She also said the two band members were detained for several hours the previous two days.

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Bangkok

Attempt by police to clear protest sites turns deadly

Gun battles broke out Tuesday as hundreds of riot police made their strongest attempt to clear anti-government protest sites around Thailand's capital, leaving at least four people dead and 64 others injured.

Multiple gunshots were heard near the prime minister's offices, where riot police had started to remove protesters and dismantle a makeshift stage. Witnesses said a grenade was thrown at the police and shots were then fired by both sides.

The police withdrew after a series of clashes.

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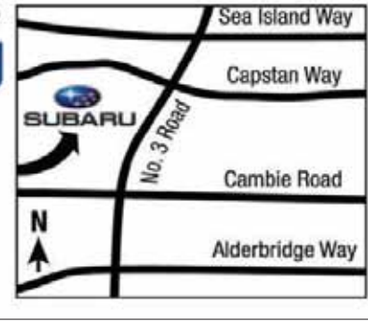

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Stalking prey on the Savannah? Nope. Jagger the serval cat is on his daily outing in the Regina suburb where he lives. His owners say they're prepared to move out of province to keep their pet, if need be. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO IN REGINA

A killer in the family

Jagger the serval cat.
A Regina couple talks about their devotion to an African feline

ALYSSA MCDONALD
Metro in Regina

As Kim Shaheen takes his nightly walk around his suburban Regina neighbourhood, there are lots of smiles, some stares and a few questions.

And they are all focused on the African serval cat on a harness with Shaheen.

For many, the animal — the smallest out of the African cat family — is usually not the first thing that comes to mind when choosing a new pet.

But for Shaheen and his wife, Pam, a couple from Regina with three grown children, it was the perfect way to round out their family.

The 30-pound pet, named Jagger, has four litter boxes, regularly plays fetch in the park behind the house and sleeps in the same bed as the couple.

"It's like having a four-year-old that is never going to grow up," Shaheen told Metro from his living room in northeast Regina. "It's a pet that you get so close to because they are so dependant on you," added Pam.

Visit metronews.ca to watch a video of Jagger in action.

Jagger is so much a part of the family that when the couple found out in November 2012 — roughly seven months after they got the baby animal from a breeder in B.C. — that the province might not allow them to keep him, they started planning a move. "He's got no claws, he's never let out on his own (and) he's fixed so he is not going to change the environment, so I am not quite sure what the issue is," Pam said, adding that the city has no problem with the pet, just the province.

The pair say that serval cats get attached to their owners and once separated, the pet will go so far as to starve itself instead of living without its family. That's why, for the Shaheens, choosing to get Jagger was not a rash decision but rather a 20-year commitment — and even a letter from provincial government officials asking them to voluntarily remove Jagger from the province would not stand in their way.

"(He's) a family member. We can't give him up," said Shaheen, adding that the city was far more accommodating. It was easy to register their exotic cat. "We are his pride ... even when we are not here for a few days, he gets depressed."

"They bond with one family for life," said Pam.

So the couple has embraced living with their larger-than-life pet, taking him to schools and seniors homes for visits and watching him play with the family dog and cat. And not minding when he jumps up on the kitchen counters and costs them roughly $300 a month in "food and whatever he breaks."

Kim Shaheen cuddles his pet serval cat, Jagger. ALYSSA MCDONALD/ METRO IN REGINA

Day 1: Exotic pets in Canada

After two New Brunswick boys were killed last year by an escaped African rock python, we wanted to understand why so many Canadians bring exotic — and sometimes lethal — animals into their homes and lives. What are the costs involved in caring for such critters? How many of these pets are illegal? And what happens when it all goes wrong?

- **Thursday.** Escape the clutch of a Burmese python and hear what the Ikea monkey's former owner has to say about having wild friends.
- **Friday.** Metro goes shopping for an opossum, and explains what to do when you have trouble with your pet fox.

Vern Ruml's 16-foot-long, 200-pound Burmese python named Abu poses with Ruml's girlfriend, Becky Girard. Abu was born in Ruml's home near Winnipeg in 1999. Ruml legally owns a dozen reptiles, and he's concerned about the welfare of animals that are smuggled into Canada. VERN RUML

Why do people buy exotic pets? Some say love, others say ego

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Opposing camps. Folks on either side of the ownership debate weigh in on the point of it all

ALYSSA MCDONALD
Metro in Regina

When exotic pets make headlines, it's usually not for a good reason — generally, the story involves beasts who have escaped, have injured someone or been seized by officials as smugglers try to bring them into the country.

That can lead to a lot of head-shaking. Why, people wonder, does anyone want to obtain such creatures in the first place?

"I think for some people it's the challenge, but number one and foremost, it's for the love of the animal," said Scott Shoemaker, who acts as the director of Responsible Exotic Animal Ownership, a pro-position U.S. lobby group.

Shoemaker owns tigers, African cats and cougars, and said he does it because of the connections he's established with his pets.

"There are a lot of people who buy these animals and they love them," agreed Rob Laidlaw of Zoocheck, an organization that's on the other side of the exotic pet ownership debate. "They swear by what they are doing, are committed to it and defend it, and every once in a while someone gets killed by their pet."

Since exotic animals tend to be so much work, and some are potentially lethal, owners who are not dedicated to such pets tend to get rid of them, which can cause problems if the animals are simply let back into the wild.

Laidlaw said that a variety of influences, including television shows featuring odd creatures, can prompt people to obtain an unusual pet. "People do just buy animals on an impulse. They don't know what they are getting into," said Laidlaw. "They acquire the animal, get attached to the animal right away and end up keeping it." But he also maintains that some people want exotic pets because of the ego boost involved. "I always use the expression, 'Give a nobody a cougar on a leash, they become a somebody,'" he said.

But Shoemaker maintains that's not the reason people end up keeping such pets. "The commitment is 10 to 20 years, especially for a bigger cat. After the first couple of times it poops on your floor, it's no longer cool — it's some work," said Shoemaker.

"(People) may get into it because of that, but they don't stay in it because it's cool."

Quoted

"I always use the expression, 'Give a nobody a cougar on a leash, they become a somebody.'"

Rob Laidlaw of Zoocheck

❋ Buyer beware: Your scaly friend might not get into the country

There's the debate over whether exotic animals are safe to keep as pets — and then, there's the question of whether they're even legal to bring into Canada in the first place.

"We're seeing more traffic of exotic pets," Lyle Saigeon, executive director of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment's fish and wildlife branch, told Metro.

"The problem is that the exotic pet trade becomes kind of a global thing. And certainly, a lot of exotic animals are being brought into Saskatchewan, or other places in Canada, (through) online pet stores."

The continuing rapid increase in online pet sales has made purchasing animals foreign to Canada far easier than it used to be.

Saigeon points out that it's "kind of a buyer-beware thing" as to whether the would-be pet is legal to own in Canada, or in any particular province or city — and therefore, whether the snake, lizard, monkey or mongoose can even cross the border in a box or by some other means and reach the purchaser's property.

If the creature is endangered, he said, "the federal government would not let something like that into the country. But if it's coming across in a box, a lot of times it's not caught. And that's certainly the case for a lot of smaller animals."

Vern Ruml, who legally owns a dozen reptiles including a Burmese python, boa constrictors and an alligator snapping turtle at his home near Winnipeg, is concerned about transactions and transport of foreign animals.

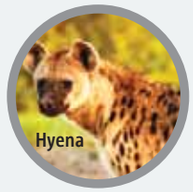
"If they're not allowed, isn't the only way to get them here to smuggle them?" said Ruml, who operated the Ruml's Reptiles educational enterprise in Manitoba until about a decade ago.

"That shouldn't happen. If an animal isn't supposed to be somewhere, it shouldn't be there. Because ultimately, it's the animal that suffers. Not the person." ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO

❋ **If you're uneasy about buying pets online, then you're better off going to a local pet store where it's more likely that the pets for sale are legal in a particular jurisdiction, advises Lyle Saigeon, executive director of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment's fish and wildlife branch.**

So, where can't I own a wolverine?

The rules around exotic animal ownership in Canada are mostly a patchwork of provincial and municipal laws. Here are just some of the creatures you can't keep in various jurisdictions across the country.



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- Chiroptera (bats such as fruit bats, myotis, flying foxes)
- Felidae (such as tigers, leopards, cougars) except cats
- Hyaenidae (such as hyenas)
- Marsupials (such as kangaroos, opossums, wallabies) except sugar gliders derived from self-sustaining captive populations
- Mustelidae (such as skunks, weasels, otters, badgers) except ferrets
- Primates (such as gorillas, monkeys, lemurs)
- All venomous and poisonous animals

Pets prohibited in Saskatoon include:
- All bats
- All Crocodilians
- All hyenas
- All Arachnids dangerous to humans, except tarantulas of the genera Aphonopelma, Avicularia and Grammostola
- Canidae, except the domestic dog
- All Edentates (such as anteaters, sloths and armadillos)
- All Marsupials (such as kangaroos and opossums)
- Primates (such as gorillas and monkeys)
- All Pinnipeds (such as seals, fur seals and walruses)

Pets prohibited in Nova Scotia include:
- Wild boar
- Prairie dogs
- All Hyaenidae (hyenas)
- All Ursidae (bears)
- All Cervidae (deer)
- All Primates
- All Pteropodidae (bats)
- Canidae, except the domestic dog
- Felidae, except the domestic cat
- All Crocodilians (such as alligators and crocodiles)
- All Procyonidae (such as raccoons, coatis and cacomistles)
- All Viverridae (such as mongooses, civets and genets)
- All venomous animals (including those with toxin removed)

Pets prohibited in Winnipeg include:
- All bears, including polar, grizzly, brown and black bears
- All fur bearing animals of the family Mustelidae, including weasel, badger, skunk, otter, wolverine, except the domestic ferret
- All Procyonidae, including raccoon, kinkajou, cacomistle, cat-bear, panda and coatimundi
- All carnivorous mammals of the family Viverridae, including, but not limited to, civet, mongoose and genet
- Primates, including but not limited to monkey, ape, chimpanzee, gorilla and lemur

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This time it's not Putin censoring in Sochi

Image control. The International Olympic Committee is strictly enforcing blackout of non-official sponsors

Want to see the glasses and goggles that aerials skier Lydia Lassila and snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis wore at the Sochi Olympics? If you go to the website of the company that manufactures their eyewear, you might be in for a shock.

On the Australian section of Bolle.com, photos of Lassila, Jacobellis and other competitors at the Sochi Games have been digitally blurred to obscure their faces.

This isn't a throwback to the days when Soviet propaganda chiefs airbrushed people out of photos. It's an extreme application of regulations meant to make sure that companies such as Bollé, which do not sponsor the Olympics, don't get to advertise off the back of them.

So the Olympics are a Pepsi-free zone, because Coca-Cola is an Olympic sponsor. In Sochi's Olympic Park, only Visa cards work for payments or in ATMs, again because Visa is a sponsor. At one Sochi venue, an Olympic worker even slapped a white sticker over the Dell logo on a journalist's laptop, because the computer manufacturer isn't an Olympic sponsor.

For Olympians, the dense and confusing thicket of rules severely restricting advertising is a serious issue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Open to change

During the Sochi Olympics, the athletes can't let their images be used for any commercial advertising. The blackout applies from nine days before the opening ceremony until three days after the closing — from Jan. 30 to Feb. 26.

- While the International Olympic Committee has steadfastly defended the policy, the committee appears willing to consider changes in the future. "It's up for discussion and debate," said an IOC spokesman.

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Who's your favourite Muppet?

C'mon, I know you have one. Most people probably go with Miss Piggy, Kermit, Big Bird or Elmo.

Or maybe Bert & Ernie. There's an iconic New Yorker cover from the summer of Bert snuggling with Ernie, watching TV as the U.S. Supreme Court upholds gay marriage.

But I digress.

You can tell a lot about someone from his or her favourite Muppet. If you're a regular reader you're probably not surprised that I favour the wacky fringe Muppets (especially purple fringe), non-specific species such as Cookie Monster, Animal, Gonzo and the Swedish Chef.

And the Yeppers, multi-headed long-necked beasts that only say "Yep." The Yeppers get me every time.

But my favourite Muppet , hands down (pardon the puppet joke), is Sweetums. Sweetums is a nine-foot, hairy ogre with a big red nose and sharp teeth. Of course, like every Muppet, he's completely harmless, except if you're Kermit.

Sweetums is notorious for turning up whenever Kermit's around and announcing: "Sweetums eat frog now!" then giving chase. It's worth noting that in Muppetland, Kermit is still very much alive.

Which sadly, is not the case with Kermit and Sweetums' creator, Jim Henson, who died a tragic early death at 53 in 1990. Now his son John, a frequent Sweetums puppeteer and voice, has died of a heart attack at 48.

Jim Henson's death was particularly bizarre. He thought he had the flu, but very quickly became gravely ill and died of streptococcal toxic shock syndrome. Jim's wife and John's mother Jane died last year, suffering from cancer and paralysis, at 78.

John, who grew up in the family business, is remembered as an artist with an eye for detail, which he inherited from his dad.

It is a sad irony that this family who brought so much joy to the world has experienced so much suffering.

The family business will continue, but with John's death, I wonder if it will continue to be centred in the sly, generous satire that has elevated the Muppets beyond mere foolery. Like Fraggle Rock, which Henson produced in Toronto for a syndicate that included the CBC. Fraggle Rock was populated by a ridiculous sub-species called the Doozers: green, six-inch, dough-like creatures complete with hard hats who tirelessly and mindlessly erected structures that the Fraggles would absent-mindedly break off and snack on, which didn't faze the Doozers, as it kept them gainfully employed. A wonderfully wry and ridiculous commentary on relationships, mindful or otherwise.

The Muppets may be the only show with built-in critics, Statler and Waldorf, two irascible old grouches who sit in the balcony and carp amusingly about the proceedings.

So there's more to the Muppets than the letter A or the number 1. In fact even the number 1 comes with a purple vampire, Count van Count, who "loves to count."

I hope there's a heaven. Of course, if there isn't, the Hensons will just build it and populate it with the marvellous products of their remarkable imaginations. They're that good.

ZOOM

Does this look familiar?

JOE PEPLER/REX

It's really not as high as it looks

What's this, London's under siege from savage-looking marauders? No, silly, it's just The Wall from the hit series Game of Thrones. HBO commissioned artists 3D Joe and Max to recreate the famed 480-kilometres-long and 215-metres-tall wall, in Bishop's Square, to celebrate the release of season three on DVD and Blu-ray. METRO

Get your climbing crampons on

The Wall, protected by the Night's Watch, keeps the evil White Walkers at bay. Londoners are encouraged to "scale" the wall like character Jon Snow. Fans of the U.S.-owned HBO program, who would prefer to stay in the comfort of their own home, haven't got long to wait for season four of the show, which is due to air in early April. METRO

Artists' view

"We knew we had to do something really special to match the sheer scale of this phenomenal TV show that has swept the globe."

Joe Hill, founder of 3D Joe and Max

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With news that athletes are using Tinder to hook up in Sochi's Olympic Village, it seems we've reached a peak in dating apps. There are now a host of apps that fuse technology and flirting, letting you find partners based on location, dietary preferences or how many mutual connections you have on LinkedIn. However, if you find yourself bored, give these hookup apps a spin.

Wingman:
Billing itself as Tinder for the mile-high club, this app lets you flirt with your fellow airplane passengers. The app has yet to launch, but it promises to work over Bluetooth, just in case your 3G service conks out at 30,000 feet.

Kimye:
This iPhone dating simulator puts you inside Kanye's leather jogging pants as he tries to woo Kim Kardashian. Options include dropping a new record to get her attention.

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Twitter

@metropicks asked: Russia's panties are in a twist over lacy lingerie trade ban. What type of clothing would you ban?

@igor_mariano: crocs

@Canucklehead_ca: Speedos. Oh, and whatever this is called - the Borat?

@GeeDubayou: UGGs and yoga pants.

@Mystz: anything from the 80's! :-P

@Metro_DK: Skinny jeans with the arse hanging to the ground. #banthem

@EvanDentremont: yoga pants if not actually doing yoga. Likewise for hockey jerseys.

@mtlkeith: 70,s leisure wear. :(((

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Pompeii actioner latest flick to rake over the ancient ashes

Rebirth of Vesuvius. It's the volcanic mount that keeps on erupting, as Resident Evil director offers up his sword-and-sandal take

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Paul W.S. Anderson's Pompeii burns with love as a slave-turned-gladiator tries to save his girl from eternal preservation. CONTRIBUTED

It's said the people of Pompeii regarded the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. with "a response more of curiosity than of alarm." The volcano had burped and belched as many as 50 times over the years, so most of the city's 20,000 citizens didn't pay attention when Vesuvius started to gurgle.

Perhaps they were too busy visiting one of the city's many brothels — like a proto-Las Vegas, this was the richest city of ancient times, ripe with amenities and vice — or enjoying their lunches of broad beans, olives, dormice (plumped up by chefs in terracotta jars) or even garum, made from the first blood of a still-gasping mackerel, to detect the cloud of deadly volcanic ash headed their way.

By the end of the day the dust "poured across the land," claiming 2,000 lives. Buried beneath, "a darkness… like the black of closed and unlighted rooms." The remains of Pompeii and its people were preserved, left untouched for two millennia.

Today the ancient city of Pompeii is one of the most popular attractions in Italy, drawing almost three million tourists annually. But if you can't make it to the Italian region of Campania, a new movie aims to recreate the experience for you.

Pompeii stars Kit Harington, Carrie-Anne Moss, Emily Browning and Kiefer Sutherland in a love story about a slave-turned-gladiator (Harington) who must rescue his beloved, Cassia (Browning), before a rolling mountain of lava and ash dooms her to the ages.

The big action adventure take on the story directed by Resident Evil helmer Paul W.S. Anderson has an ancestor in The Last Days of Pompeii, a 1913 silent sword-and-sandal movie based on the Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton novel of the same name. That book has been remade eight times.

The most famous version came in 1959. The big budget CinemaScope production was to have been directed by Mario Bonnard, but when he fell ill on the first day of shooting, screenwriter Sergio Leone (who would go on to make classics like The Good, the Bad and the Ugly) stepped in. It's big on pageantry, just as the advertising taglines would suggest. It's a "Fiery Summit of Spectacle," the posters screamed, promising an inside look at, "the City that Lived in Sin and Died in Flame!"

Certainly it's more puffed-up than Up Pompeii, a 1971 Frankie Howerd comedy that featured a speech by emperor Ludicrus Sextus during Vesuvius' eruption.

"I say, Lurcio, how did my speech go?" he asks his servant as the city crumbles.

"Master, you brought the house down!"

Sending up the doom and gloom

"I say, Lurcio, how did my speech go?"

"Master, you brought the house down!"

Conversation between emperor and servant in the 1971 comedy Up Pompeii.

At the studio helm

Production worthy of Goldsworthy

"He's kind of in another realm," Adam Rasmussen says of Tim Goldsworthy. "He's sharp and focused for all the tracking, but at the same time he's cueing up random songs or films that he thinks might be resonating with our performances. He has a way of thinking about the bigger picture and what kind of final touches are going to be necessary for a track. He's brilliant and pretty eccentric." METRO WORLD NEWS

Gardens & Villa ride new wave to Dunes

About three and half hours west of Detroit sits the small town of Benton Harbor. There, in the dead of winter, five Southern California natives and well-known British producer Tim Goldsworthy holed up in a locksmith building-turned-music studio to create Gardens & Villa's new album, Dunes.

After 30 days of recording, during which countless nights were spent watching Chinese cinema and listening to copious amounts of Prince, the group fashioned an album that reveals a significant progression towards a more new wave sound. While Dunes preserves Gardens & Villa's flute, keyboard, and synth-driven melodies, an added electronic vibe thrusts their new album into a realm of organic and nostalgic rhythms.

"A lot of our songs come from jams. We'll get to the space, get inspired by whatever means we find necessary and record these blown-out iPhone recordings that are 12 minutes long," says synth player Adam Rasmussen. "The trick is keeping it pure once you have the ability to start layering stuff."

Since their self-titled debut in 2011, Gardens & Villa has garnered popularity. A popularity that not only carried them into the highly regarded arms of indie label Secretly Canadian, but landed them an opening slot for The Shins and led to their most recent, and otherwise unlikely opportunity to work with Goldsworthy, who is best known for his work with Cut Copy and LCD Soundsystem.

"When we first Skyped with him it was kind of like, 'what the f—! I'm really talking to Tim Goldsworthy right now?'" says Rasmussen of his first meeting with the producer.

After having seen a live video, Goldsworthy was immediately charmed by the band's funky dance music.

"I remember him saying that in a music industry that has become so far weighted to electronic and dance music made by one producer, we were there making the same type of danceable music, but as a band," says Rasmussen. "He was eager to make a band record as opposed to the electronic projects he's been involved with over the years."

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Look what the Cat dragged in: Ariana Grande to duet with Chris Brown

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Metro World News

Today in terrible ideas: Pop starlet Ariana Grande is apparently recording a duet with dreadful human Chris Brown. The two teased their fans on Twitter with what appear to be lyrics from an upcoming collaboration:

"i dug a single seed into the ground, I hope it grows"
— Chris Brown (@chrisbrown) Feb. 16, 2014

"in a year or two if you're around, you'll see a rose"
— Ariana Grande (@ArianaGrande) Feb. 16, 2014

After a fan inquired, Ariana confirmed that it's an upcoming song.

Why anyone would think this could be good for Ariana's career is beyond me. The star of Nickelodeon's Sam & Cat, who has such a squeaky clean image that she regularly wears a bow in her hair without a whiff of irony, should not be anywhere near Rihanna-battering human rage ball Chris Brown. Both for career reasons and for her personal safety.

On the bright side, judging by those lyrics, the song will be very bad, so at least I won't have to feel guilty about wanting to download it.

Melissa Joan Hart ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Sabrina the Teenage Witch star says she was wild at Hart, just never got caught

When she was a teen star, Melissa Joan Hart enjoyed a fairly squeaky-clean image, but now she admits it was just easier to hide things back then. "It wasn't that I wasn't a bad girl or that I was too much of a good girl, it was that I never got caught," the former Sabrina, the Teenage Witch star explains to Giuliana Rancic in an interview. For example? The night before her first photo shoot for Maxim magazine, Hart let her hair down in a big way. "You're in underwear, so I was feeling a little shy. I actually ended up rolling with some friends, doing ecstasy and going in a limo to my first Playboy Mansion party," she says. And she also admits that she found then-17-year-old co-star Ryan Reynolds a bit too hard to resist when they filmed the Sabrina, the Teenage Witch TV movie — especially after Reynolds gave her a Bulova watch as a wrap gift. "I chased him down, got in front of his car and just kissed him and then made out with him all night. Then I had to call my boyfriend the next day and explain it," she says.

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LOCAL NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO MARK ANNIVERSARY OF TRAGIC MINE COLLAPSE

Each year, at a time when spring is just around the corner and moods across the Country begin to pick up, Napoleon Gomez finds himself at his lowest. It was on February 19th, 2006, when he received word of an explosion that led to a collapse at the Pasta de Conchos coalmine in Mexico, trapping 65 men inside. The hours and days following were a flurry of panic and desperation as Gomez and his team called for the search and rescue of the miners, to no avail. Of the 65 miners, only two bodies were recovered. The rest remain buried underground to this day.

At the time of the disaster in Mexico, Mr. Gomez served as the head of the labour union that represented the workers. His calls for immediate rescue and retribution would see fingers pointed at the Multinational Corporation who controlled the mine, Grupo Mexico, and ultimately then-President of Mexico, Vicente Fox. Gomez had a major battle on his hands, one that eventually saw him leave his homeland to find refuge in Vancouver and tremendous international solidarity from progressive labour and human rights activists.

A stark contrast to the highly televised rescue of 33 miners in Chile in 2010, the disaster in Mexico and the subsequent lack of an attempt to recover the bodies of those lost miners has flown under the radar for the average North American. For Gomez the silence and lack of awareness felt deafening. This year, to mark the anniversary of the tragedy, he was compelled to even bolder action.

On transit routes around Vancouver and across websites, social media channels, newspapers and other platforms, Gomez and his team have launched an advertising and guerilla marketing campaign to bring attention to the story of the lost miners, and the issues of safety and human rights. His message is clear: there are bodies still buried underground today and the lost miners deserve justice. Their families have never received support and their plight has never been resolved.

"For the past eight years I have worked to keep the story of Pasta de Conchos alive and raise awareness and support for the families of the miners. Across Canada I have been able to share a vision for better relations between governments, corporations and workers, and I feel the momentum building. This year, to mark the anniversary of the mine collapse, I really wanted to do something to spark interest with the average person," explains Gomez.

In 2013, Gomez published the story in his book Collapse of Dignity, which would go on to become a New York Times Best-Seller. Since then, he has toured Canada as a speaker, lecturer and commentator on the future of labour rights and a vision for a more positive and equal relationship between workers, companies and governments. To mark the anniversary, 100% of the proceeds of the sale of the books, for the next month, will go directly to the families of the lost miners.

"This terrible tragedy in Mexico could have been avoided had the right safety measures been in place. Similar disasters have happened at the hands of corporations here in Canada and elsewhere. I have confidence that the Canadian public is ready to ask questions, ready to demand a better way, better standards, and also willing to look at how their choices and way of life will impact the continuation of workplace issues across our borders. The first step in making a difference is to educate and inform yourself."

Even across borders and many years that have passed, Gomez's fight for justice and dignity continues. He is fueled by the anguish of the families who lost their brothers, sons and husbands that day and continues to be compelled by similar workplace disasters. He continues to call for acknowledgement, responsibility and reparations for the disaster on both a corporate and governmental level. He insists that measures be put in place to support workers and prevent this type of disaster in future. He wants to see the safety of workers valued above profit and public image.

"I hope that this book leads readers to the inescapable conclusion that we must struggle for a better world, to rescue what is most essential about humanity—its principles and fundamental values. Every one of us has a role to play in the fight for the dignity and respect of workers."

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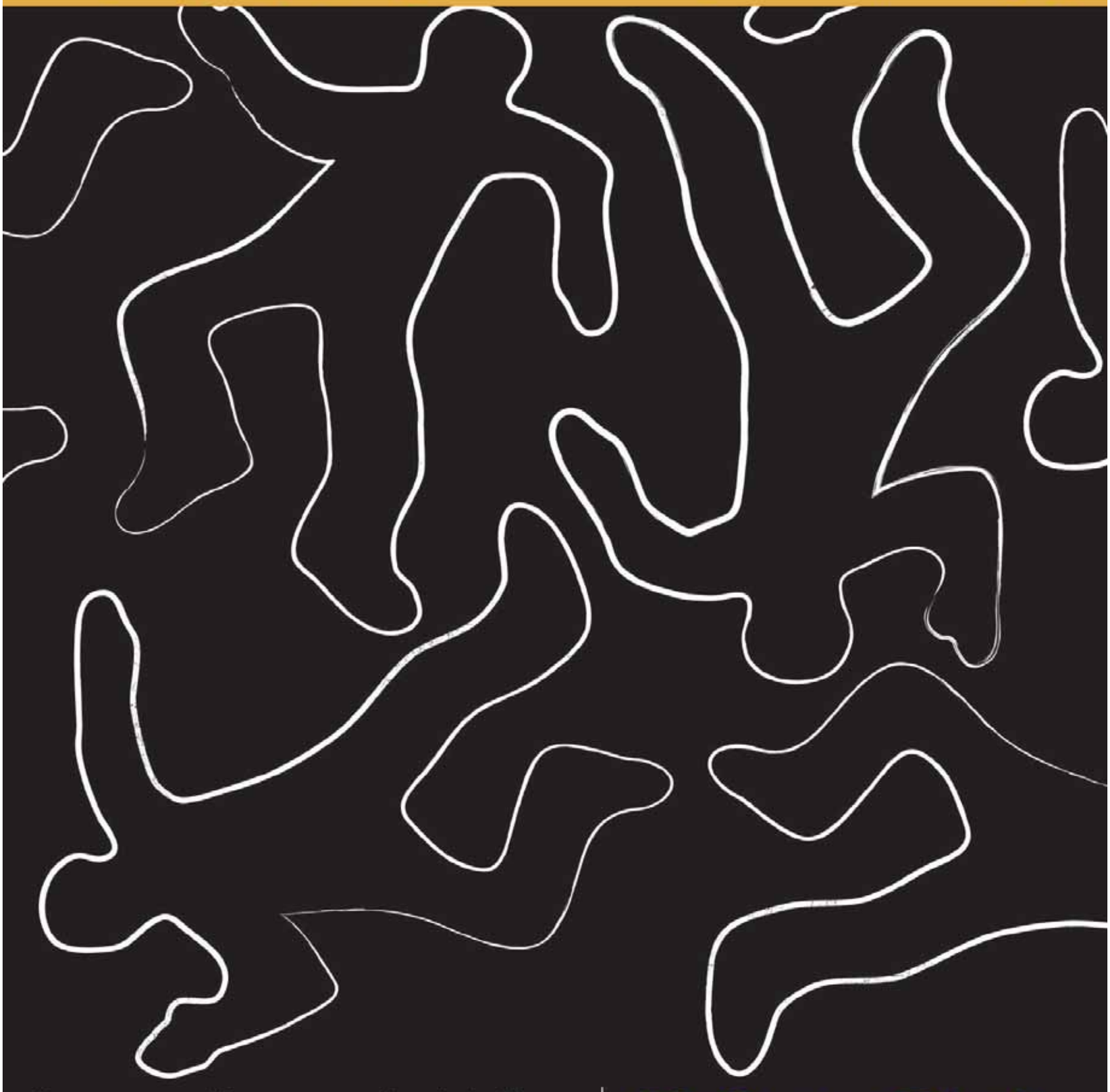

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Day two

Spend a quiet morning at the leafy Parque del Retiro. For a tapas lunch (pimientos de padron and tortilla, anyone?), hit up Mercado de San Miguel. Take the subway to Plaza de Toros de Las Ventas for a self-guided tour of this historic bullfighting ring. Snap some requisite photos in Plaza Mayor, the square at the centre of the city, then tour Palacio Real, where the grand decor and paintings from Giordano, Tiepolo and Velázquez will make you want to live like royalty.

Catch a sunset in Barcelona on your whirlwind tour. MOYAN BRENN/FLICKR

Day three

With your Eurail pass — which connects trains run by national train operators in 27 European countries — go to Atocha station, and take a moment to take in its stunning tropical garden. Hop on a high-speed train (some of which can travel as fast as 355 km/hr) and arrive two and a half hours later in Barcelona. Drop your bags at the modern Hotel Indigo.

Get your retail fix with shopping in Madrid. MOYAN BRENN/FLICKR

Stroll pedestrian boulevard La Rambla. When peckish, stop at La Boqueria market for warm mushroom salad and pulpo gallega. Fit in one Gaudi site — Parc Güell if it's nice out or Casa Batlló if the weather is inclement.

Day four

Head to La Sagrada Família early to beat the crowds at this unfinished Gaudi masterpiece. Afterwards, take the metro to Barceloneta. Grab a seafood lunch in this fisherman's quarter, then stroll down Passeig Joan de Borbó and kick back for the rest of the day at Platja de la Barceloneta.

Day five

Board a Paris-bound high-speed train with your Eurail pass and arrive six and a half hours later. Check into the conveniently located Millenium Hotel Paris Opéra. Grab a bite at Café Diane in the pretty Tuileries Garden, then with a list of your must-see pieces of art in hand, make a quick visit to the Louvre.

Day six

A quick stop by the Eiffel Tower is a must, non? Afterwards, if it's Wednesday or Sunday, pick up delicious provisions at nearby Marché du Pont de l'Alma. From here, take a Bateau Mouche ride for a fantastic view of the city. Next, walk the crooked narrow streets in Le Marais and stumble upon historic buildings, including the beautiful Place des Vosges. At night, a drink in the buzzy Saint-Germain-des-Près neighbourhood at Les Deux Magots or Café de Flore will complete your quickie trip.

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Havana nods to its glitzy gangster past

Capri Hotel. The place where Mafiosi rested their weary heads gets a facelift for tourists

The Capri Hotel has been restored to its former glory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In its heyday, Havana's Capri hotel and casino was the playground of men known as The Blade and The Fat Butcher. It was also a pleasure garden for headline stars who portrayed Mafiosi on the silver screen: George Raft, known for hoodlum roles such as Guino Rinaldo in 1932's Scarface, was the casino's celebrity "greeter" and made his home in the 19th-floor penthouse.

Havana's hedonistic mob-and-movie-star days came to an end with Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution, and the hotel drifted into a long, slow decline. But now the Capri is back in business after being closed more than a decade ago. Its rebirth is part of Cuba's latest bid to trade on its colourful pre-Communist past and attract tourist dollars to fund its socialist present.

"It's a feeling of that era (at the Capri). I think in Cuba you feel that in general," said Roberto Escalante, a 62-year-old Mexican university professor who was staying in the hotel this month during an academic conference. "It's very comfortable. It's missing some services still, but yes, you feel like you're back in those times — which were good!" Indeed, details such as the Capri's polished, art-deco granite floors with their flowery bronze inlays fit right into a city that still teems with finned Chevrolet and Cadillac classics. So do the graceful copper-colored lobby chandeliers, which like the floors are restored originals.

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March break planning

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Take a walk on the wizard side

Universal Orlando. Theme park gets set to launch attractions guaranteed to make muggles happy

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What's old is new — or at least re-imagined — again at Universal Orlando Resort in Florida. Many of the park's attractions are getting pop-culture injections and technological facelifts to keep up with visitors' expectations to be amazed, entertained and, of course, well fed.

Central to the park's changes is the recent unveiling of Diagon Alley, the secret London side street only accessible to the wizarding world in Harry Potter. Even muggles — humans without special powers, for anyone not familiar with the world of Potter — can soon shop where Hogwarts students purchase their school supplies.

Mark Woodbury, vice-president of Universal Creative, gave the Toronto Star and Metro Canada an exclusive Canadian sneak peek behind the closely guarded security fence of the still-under-construction attraction, which opens this summer.

Created by author J.K. Rowling, Diagon Alley is a hidden road in modern London open only to wizards. The tilting buildings in the alley are the setting of some of the most exciting scenes in the Potter series.

"When people come in they are going to have a first impression of something that is totally mind-boggling," said Woodbury.

Still emerging from the sand-covered ground, punctuated by scaffolding, concrete and wiring, is a scaled-down London, complete with Kings Cross and Charing Cross railway stations, Leicester Square and Wyndham's Theatre. Park guests will walk through one of the city's brick walls and into the magical alley — the details of how are a secret.

Inside the park, visitors will eat at the Leaky Cauldron, visit Ollivanders Wand Shop or buy a novelty item at the Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes. At the far end of the alley is the goblin-operated Gringotts Wizarding Bank; a large fire-breathing dragon will be perched on the roof of the building.

It will also be home to Universal Orlando's newest ride, Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts. "It really brings to life the movie," Woodbury said.

Diagon Alley is the second Harry Potter-related experience at Universal's Orlando parks. In 2010, it opened The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, located in Islands of Adventure, which welcomes visitors to Hogwarts castle and the Scottish mountain village of Hogsmeade.

Park guests will soon be shuttled between the two sites onboard the Hogwarts Express. Leaving King's Cross Station, the train will travel along an elevated track through the concrete buildings and paved roads of the anything-but-Potter-like Universal backlot before arriving at the gate of Hogsmeade. Information about the length, time and cost of the trip are as safely guarded as the recipe for butterbeer, a popular drink at The Wizarding World.

Woodbury said special technology, details of which were not part of the announcement, will make passengers think they are travelling through the hedged English countryside and rugged Scottish hills when they look out the train's windows. "Physically it is in the park, but the experience is truly in another place," he said. "It is a dramatic experience."

A spell of change is also being cast at The Wizarding World. Woodbury says Zonko's Joke Shop in Hogsmeade will be incorporated into the soon-to-open Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes in Diagon, giving room for the neighbouring Honeydukes — a sweet shop — to expand.

The Potter plans are just the latest in a series of updates to Universal's two parks. When it opened in 1999, the Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man broke new ground with dark-ride tricks and motion simulation. To keep a rider's Spidey sense tingling, it underwent a hi-def redo two years ago.

Over in Springfield (state unknown) U.S.A., resort chef Steven Jayson, who helped bring butterbeer to the masses, has developed a menu of food inspired by the Simpsons TV series. Park visitors can saddle up next to Barney at Moe's Tavern for a Flaming Moe or Duff beer or enjoy a burger at Krusty Burger. Chicken and waffles are a popular choice at Cleatus' Chicken Shack, while Lard Lad Donuts offers pie-sized doughnuts topped in pink icing.

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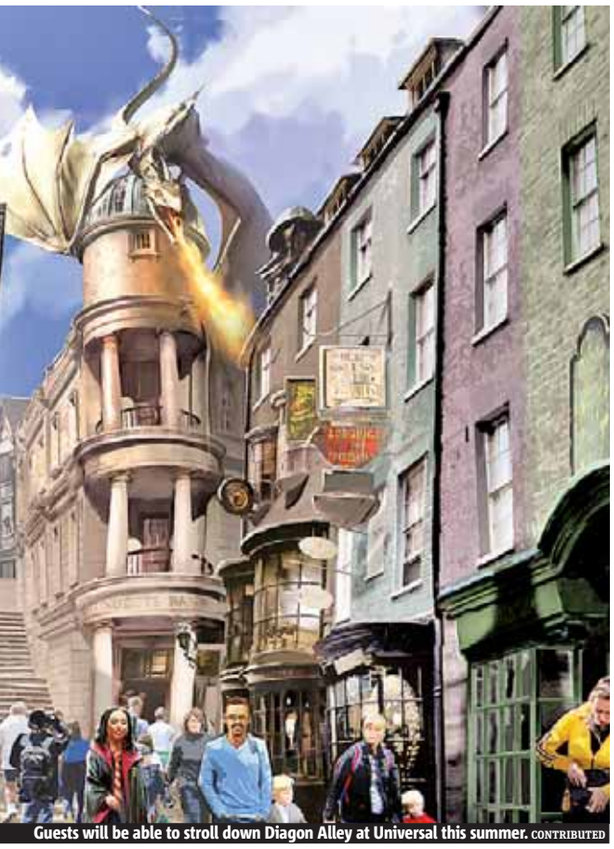
Guests will be able to stroll down Diagon Alley at Universal this summer. CONTRIBUTED

A Cabana to call home. New resort a nostalgic riff on the family road trip

Fun for the whole family awaits at the Cabana Bay Beach Resort. CONTRIBUTED

Universal Orlando is recreating the classic family road trip with its newest hotel complex, the Cabana Bay Beach Resort. Located steps from the park, the design was inspired by mid-century hotels such as those in the Wildwood, N.J., historic resort district.

The property

The north end of the property is slated to open March 31, and features 600 rooms that are spread over three open-corridor buildings, each named after an iconic hotel: the Starlight, Castaway and Thunderbird.

The pool area

The three buildings surround a 10,000-square-foot pool, with a dive tower-inspired fountain, 17 cabanas and the Atomic Tonic pool bar. The south end of the hotel will feature 1,200 rooms in two seven-story towers with a similar-sized pool area between them

Entertainment

A ramp leads from the pool areas of both wings into the upper floor of the main building — avoiding the lobby altogether — where guests will find a fitness centre, games room, bowling alley and cafeteria-style eating at Bayliner Diner.

Family friendly

The rooms are designed with families in mind. A sliding wall separates the two-bed sleeping area from a small sitting area, complete with a queen size pullout. The bathroom is separated into a toilet, shower and sink area, so multiple family members can get ready at once. The suites also come with a small kitchenette with microwave and fridge.

Cabana Bay Beach Resort will open this summer. A standard room will rent for roughly $119 US a night, and the suites for $174 US.

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Bucket List

The Mangroves at San Blas, Mexico

Once a prominent Pacific port, this small fishing town of 10,000 between Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta is home to 30 km of beaches, winding estuaries, mangrove swamps and one of the most important natural bird shelters in the Western Hemisphere. In La Tovara National Park, you can find more than 300 different species of birds — pelicans, terns, egrets, blue heron, the works — not to mention ocelots and quite a few crocodiles. A boat tour through the watery maze of vegetation and wildlife will remind you of every prison escape movie ever made. San Blas is also home to the Riviera Nayarit region's unsung hero of Mexican cuisine, chef Betty Vázquez from El Delfin Restaurant.

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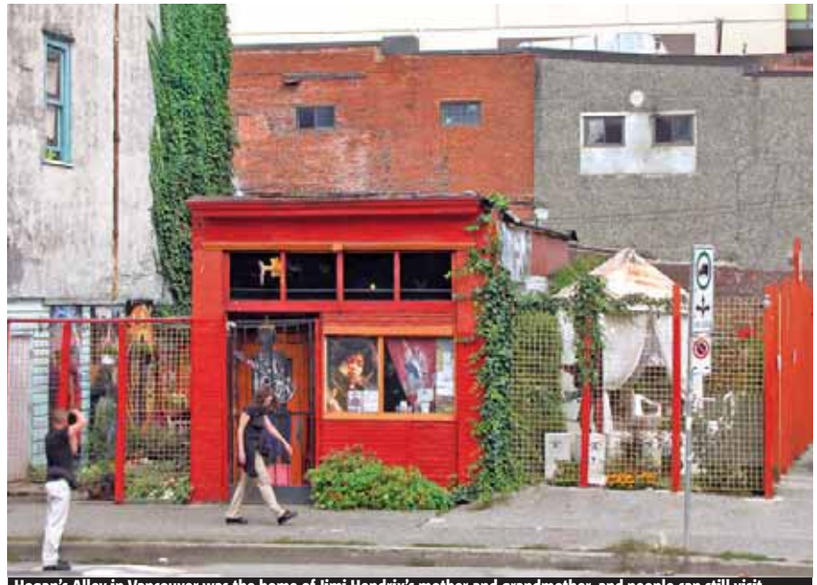
Black History Month is a time to learn about and celebrate the achievements of people of African descent in Canada and around the world. I chatted with Rosemary Sadlier, the president of the Ontario Black History Society, about Canada's most important black heritage sites.

Why is Black History Month important?
We still do not have a required black history curriculum for students and there remain issues with inclusion and diversity that can best be addressed by knowledge and awareness.

Where should people visit to learn more?
Africville was a black community in Halifax begun perhaps as early as following the War of 1812, and torn apart by city officials for the development of the area. The last home was torn down by 1970 and there remains no development, only a cairn dedicated to the memory of the families that had lived there for generations. A National Historic Site since 1996, it is located next to the base of Halifax's MacKay Bridge. The Black Cultural Centre in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, is a wonderful site to visit for more information on Nova Scotia's Black history.

Hogan's Alley was a Vancouver community founded by blacks invited into the area around the time of the gold rush and was a bustling business and cultural area. Jimi Hendrix's mother and grandmother lived in this area. It was mostly destroyed by development but people can still visit the Jimi Hendrix shrine, located on the corner of Union and Main. The shrine is housed in a restaurant that was run by Jimi's grandmother.



Hogan's Alley in Vancouver was the home of Jimi Hendrix's mother and grandmother, and people can still visit the Jimi Hendrix shrine there. LACAFFERATA/FLICKR

The southwestern part of Ontario is also rich in black history and I would suggest the North American Black Historical Museum in Amherstburg, since it was one of the first museums to come into being. Near Windsor, Ont., this site is connected to a historic black church and is near Fort Malden.

Are there tours you can take to learn more?
Much African Canadian history has been lost due to many factors including urbanization. We have a Discover Black History in Toronto tour that has been taken by tourists, students and others in order to learn, to see the areas, to better understand the history that they could not readily be aware of. It can be arranged by contacting the Ontario Black History Society.

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Melanie Murchison will finish her degree abroad in August 2015.
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For Melanie Murchison, a learning experience abroad led to a hunger for more.

While studying law at the University of Winnipeg, she enrolled in a course called Sites of the Ancient World, which involved a three-week trip to Greece.

"I've always wanted to travel and after getting my first opportunity I knew I wanted to do more of it," Melanie says. "It seemed like the best idea was to combine wanting to travel with getting more education."

She chose to complete a PhD in Law at Queen's University Belfast — and says she couldn't be enjoying herself more.

Getting started

There are a lot of destinations where you can study abroad, so Melanie focused on identifying the most suitable candidates. "Since I don't speak any second languages, I knew I would need to do my schooling in an English-speaking country," she says.

When it came to choosing a destination, inside information came in handy — many of Melanie's family members had visited or lived in the U.K.

She turned her attention to researching programs in her field. "After communicating with potential supervisors, I wound up applying to three universities," Melanie explains. "After being accepted, I researched the financial aspects of the degree more thoroughly and had to decide where I thought I'd get the best supervision and support."

She travelled to Queen's University Belfast in September 2012.

Settling in

One of the most important details after choosing where you want to study is deciding on your accommodations — they play a big part in your daily routine.

Once overseas, Melanie faced the challenge of settling into her new home, having opted to live in a new postgraduate university residence on campus. "I wanted to be able to meet other international students and make friends with people in a similar position to me," she explains.

After a few months at Queen's University Belfast, she realized that this wasn't the right fit.

"I had been living on my own for three years previously, and I missed the independence and freedom that living on your own offers," she explains. Soon thereafter, she moved into an apartment and began a new routine.

"You need to trust your instincts," she says. "If you think something isn't quite right, ask someone or get clarification, but also trust in yourself."

The right fit

Melanie admits that she suffered a little homesickness at first, but kept this at bay by fostering a cat and keeping in touch with family and friends online. She also benefitted from some familiar two-legged company.

"After finishing the first year of my PhD, my best friend from Canada flew over to Europe and we backpacked together through six countries for four weeks," she says.

"It was something we had both wanted to do but I never thought we'd be able to do it together. It was amazing."

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Let your slow cooker do the work and come home to this easy, heartwarming Simple Slow-Cooked Lasagna.

Swap in other greens or cooked vegetables to change things up.

This recipe works best in an oval- or rectangle-shaped slow cooker. If you're using a round slow cooker, you may need to break up the lasagna sheets a bit more.

1. Lightly spray inside of slow cooker with cooking spray.

2. In nonstick skillet, brown beef, breaking up with spoon. Scrape out beef into a colander and let drain. Wipe out skillet and return to medium heat; cook beef, onion, garlic, oregano and hot pepper flakes 5 minutes or until softened. Add passata and water and remove from heat.

3. In a bowl, stir together ricotta cheese, spinach, basil and Parmesan cheese.

4. Spread some of the meat sauce over bottom of slow cooker. Lay lasagna noodles in a single layer, breaking as necessary to fit. Top with one quarter of the sauce and one third of the cheese mixture. Repeat layers twice ending with meat sauce on top.

This recipe makes eight servings. HEALTH CANADA

5. Cover the slow cooker and cook on Low for 6 to 8 hours or on High for 3 to 4 hours. About 15 minutes before serving lasagna, sprinkle mozzarella over top, cover and let cook on Low until melted.

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Ingredients

- 227 g (8 oz) extra lean ground beef
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 10 ml (2 tsp) dried oregano
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) hot pepper flakes
- 1 jar (700 ml) tomato passata
- 250 ml (1 cup) water
- 1 tub (475 g) 1% cottage or light ricotta cheese
- 1 pkg (142 g/5 oz) baby spinach, chopped
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh basil or parsley
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grated Parmesan cheese
- 10 whole wheat or regular lasagna noodles
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shredded part skim mozzarella

An education on earning a couple of bucks

School of hard jobs? No gruelling gig required when all you need is a little extra cash for campus life

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Let's face it — as a student, it's easy to feel broke. Between paying for tuition, textbooks, transit, rent and meals, there is often not much left for other things like entertainment and some good old fun. Many students hold the usual part-time jobs, but even that may not be earning you as much money as you'd like.

Here are some easy and quick ways that students can make some extra money.

If you can find some time in your busy schedule as a student and be a bit creative, you can find ways to make a little additional cash on the side. Even if it isn't a lot, as a student, a little can certainly go a long way.

School contests

Be sure to check out various contests being held at your college or university because most of them offer cash, gift cards or other prizes. For example, at Toronto's Humber College, students can win cash just for sending in a short video of themselves. Does your school offer something similar? Find out.

As a secret shopper, you can make up to $10-25 per job for your time and even get free snacks, meals or movie tickets while you're at it. ISTOCK

Write for the school newspaper

If you have a passion for writing and reporting school events, then writing for the school newspaper is an excellent way to make some money on the side. Some school newspapers also offer prizes to students just for sending in their submissions, whether it's an opinion piece, some artwork or even a poem. Contributing content not only helps you earn, it may also help you grow a professional network. You can also try out other freelance work such as photography or web design.

Be a website tester

Many companies pay people just to come and test their websites before they are launched or to offer feedback that's used to tweak and improve the sites. Testers are tasked with navigating the website at hand, while a "screen and audio recorder" takes note of your clicks, keyboard strokes and personal comments as you test the website for 15 minutes. For each website tested, you can earn approximately $10. Don't worry, your actual face is not recorded — there is no webcam.

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Snowstorm no match for Riddle's twists

Ski halfpipe. Alberta freestyle skier conquers challenging conditions to win silver medal in Olympic debut of competition

A big blast of winter weather finally arrived at the Sochi Games on Tuesday night, dumping a big helping of thick snow just in time for the Olympic debut of the men's ski halfpipe competition.

The challenging conditions didn't faze Canada's Mike Riddle at all. The veteran freestyle skier stuck with his plan to unveil a new combination for his final run and it helped him win a silver medal.

"I managed to link together some tricks that I haven't done before," Riddle said. "I couldn't be happier with the result."

Riddle hit back-to-back double cork 1260's for the first time — three and-a-half rotations with two twists per trick — and it was enough to wow the judges at Rosa Khutor Extreme Park. The rest of his run was clean and it earned him a score of 90.60 points.

"Just to be here is unbelievable and then to get a medal — I'm speechless," he said.

American David Wise took the gold with a total of 92.00 and Kevin Rolland of France won bronze with 88.60 points. Calgary's Noah Bowman finished fifth while Justin Dorey of Vernon, B.C., missed jumps in both his final runs and ended up 12th.

Riddle won a world title in 2011 and took the overall World Cup crown last season.

"I did have more in the arsenal that I wanted to bring out but conditions made it kind of impossible to maintain speed," he said.

Riddle had reached the top 10 in his last 12 competitions entering the Games. He was sixth after a mediocre first run.

"You had to land really high on the transitions to be able to maintain speed for your next trick in order to link together your run," he said. "So if you weren't perfect, you were done, basically. Every trick had to be pretty much perfect."

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Remembering Sarah Burke

Ski halfpipe was making its Olympic debut thanks in part to the efforts of Canada's Sarah Burke, who died in a training accident in 2012.

- "This Olympics for me is definitely bittersweet," Mike Riddle said. "It's awesome to be here but I know that she should be here too. She's been on my mind a lot this week."

Mike Riddle of Canada performs a trick in the men's ski halfpipe competition on Tuesday in Sochi, Russia.
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Canadians find silver lining on short track

Canadians Marianne St-Gelais, from left, Valérie Maltais, Jessica Hewitt and Marie-Ève Drolet won the silver medal in the women's 3,000-metre short track speedskating relay on Tuesday in Sochi. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

It was a bittersweet day for Canada's Olympic short-track speedskating team.

Gold-medal hopeful Charles Hamelin crashed out of the 500-metre heats on Tuesday, but within the hour Canada's women's 3,000-metre relay team won a silver medal.

"We feel great. We are really happy to have got the silver medal," said speedskater Jessica Hewitt. "I have never been on an (Olympic) podium before and we have worked very hard for this."

South Korea won gold in the women's relay with a time of four minutes 9.498 seconds, followed closely by China. However, the Chinese were disqualified because their skaters did not immediately leave the track after passing off to their teammates.

That bumped the Canadian team of Marie-Ève Drolet, Hewitt, Valérie Maltais and Marianne St-Gelais up from third place. Canada's final time was 4:10.641.

"We tried a different strategy here; making the exchange on different corners, so it got a little messy at times but we did well and then it just so happened that China were disqualified so we got the silver," said Hewitt. "We tried to put our best foot forward and to be there at the end of the race."

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4 SPORTS

‘We just need one more than the other team’

Style points don’t count. Canada adjusting to big ice, but winning still bottom line

Sidney Crosby talks with Canada’s starting goalie, Carey Price, during practice on Tuesday in Sochi. Asked about Olympic pressure Tuesday, Price replied: “I live inside a bubble anyway. I don’t get into too much about what anybody has to say, really.” NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

No matter which forwards Team Canada dresses for its quarter-final, they’ve combined to score well over 300 goals in the NHL this season.

No team in Sochi features that kind of depth, and yet one concern going into Wednesday’s game against Latvia is a lack of offence up front. As this becomes a single-elimination tournament, Canada doesn’t need 300 goals.

“We just need one more than the other team,” Babcock said.

Getting that one big, important goal could make or break Canada moving forward. As the game against Finland showed, offence can be tough to come by on the international ice, especially against well-structured European opponents.

Finding a way to get to the middle of the ice and closer to the net was a major emphasis in practice Tuesday and could be the difference between reaching the semifinals and going home early.

“You watch our games and we’ve been on the outside a lot,” said winger Corey Perry, who will have a new linemate in Jamie Benn between him and Ryan Getzlaf. “To get shots to the net, to get second opportunities, that’s what the three of us are going to do.”

For all the talk about the big ice in advance of Sochi, it has made a difference — but not the way some figured.

Just because there’s more space doesn’t necessarily mean there’s more room to get creative offensively.

The Canadians scored six goals against Austria after scoring three in the opener against Norway, but it was against Finland where they learned a lesson. Holding onto the puck in the offensive zone paved the way for plenty of shots, but it was like a basketball team trying to shoot just from the outside. With a rink that’s 15 feet wider, it’s much more difficult to get quality scoring chances.

“You’re a long ways from the net when you’re hanging out on the wall,” said Jeff Carter. “We talked about that and maybe trying to shrink the ice a little bit ... just kind of make it feel more like an NHL-size rink.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hockey

Women’s game safe IIHF’s Fasel assures

Amid concerns about competitive imbalance between Canada and the U.S. and the rest of the countries involved, IIHF president Rene Fasel guaranteed Tuesday women’s hockey would not be taken out of the Olympics.

It came after NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said he would be “distressed” to see that happen.

“That will never happen,” Fasel said. “I can guarantee that will never happen.” THE CANADIAN PRESS

MEDALS

Nation	G	S	B	Tot.
Netherlands	6	6	8	20
United States of America	6	4	10	20
Russian Federation	5	8	6	19
Norway	7	4	7	18
Canada	**4**	**9**	**4**	**17**

WHAT CANADA DID

TUESDAY

ALPINE SKIING

Women’s Giant Slalom - Erin Mielzynski, Guelph, Ont., finished 21st with a time of two minutes 40.69 seconds, 3.82 seconds out of first, after coming in 20th in the opening run and 18th in the final run. Marie-Michele Gagnon (Lac-Etchemin, Que.) and Marie-Pier Prefontaine (St-Sauveur, Que.) did not finish their opening run.

BIATHLON

Men’s 15 km Mass Start - Brendan Green, Hay River, N.W.T., 9th, (43 minutes, 38.3 seconds, +1:09.2); Jean-Philippe Le Guellec, Shannon, Que., 10th, (43:41.6); Nathan Smith, Calgary, DNF.

BOBSLEIGH

Women’s - Kaillie Humphries (Calgary) and Heather Moyse (Summerside. P.E.I.), are second overall after two runs with a time of one minute 55.12 seconds, 0.23 of a second out of first. Jennifer Ciochetti (Edmonton) and Chelsea Valois (Zenon Park, Sask.) are 13th (1:57.06). Heats 3 and 4 take place on Feb. 19.

FREESTYLE SKIING

Men’s Ski Halfpipe - Mike Riddle (Sherwood Park, Alta.) won the **silver medal** with a second run score of 90.60, 1.40 points out of gold. Noah Bowman (Calgary) was fifth overall (82.60) while Justin Dorey (Vernon, B.C.), who was first in the qualifying round, fell in both final runs and ended up 12th (20.40).

SHORT TRACK

Men’s 500 m - Charle Cournoyer, Boucherville, Que., (41.18) and Olivier Jean, Lachenaie, Que., (41.616) both won their heats and advanced to the quarter-finals on Friday. Defending Olympic champion Charles Hamelin, Montreal, (1:18.871) fell and finished fourth in his heat and failed to advance.

Ladies’ 1000 m - Valerie Maltais, La Baie, Que., (1:28.771) and Marie-Eve Drolet, Chicoutimi, Que., (1:31.273) both advanced to the quarter-finals on Friday, finishing their heats first and second respectively. Marianne St-Gelais, St-Felicien (2:05.206) did not qualify for the quarter-final.

Ladies’ 3000 m Relay - Canada moved up to the **silver medal** position after China was disqualified. Marie-Eve Drolet (Chicoutimi, Que.), Jessica Hewitt (Kamloops, B.C.), Valerie Maltais (La Baie, Que.), Marianne St-Gelais (St-Felicien, Que.) finished with a time of four minutes, 10.641 seconds, 1.143 seconds out of gold.

SNOWBOARD

Men’s Snowboard Cross - Kevin Hill (Vernon. B.C.) did not finish his semifinal race and placed 8th overall. Christopher Robanske (Calgary) was disqualified in his quarter-final race and finished 17th overall. Jake Holden (Caledon, Ont.) did not advance in his qualifying heat, while Robert Fagan (Cranbrook, B.C.) was disqualified from his. Both finished tied for 25th overall.

CURLING

All Times Eastern

MEN

Country	W	L
x-Sweden	8	1
x-Canada	**7**	**2**
x-China	7	2
x-Britain	5	4
Norway	5	4
Denmark	4	5
Russia	3	6
Switzerland	3	6
United States	2	7
Germany	1	8

x — qualifies for playoffs

Tuesday’s result

TIEBREAKER

Britain 6 Norway 5

Wednesday’s games

SEMIFINALS

Sweden vs. Britain, 10 a.m.

Canada vs. China, 10 a.m.

WOMEN

Country	W	L
x-Canada	**9**	**0**
x-Sweden	7	2
x-Britain	5	4
x-Switzerland	5	4
Japan	4	5
China	4	5
Denmark	4	5
South Korea	3	6
Russia	3	6
United States	1	8

x — qualifies for playoffs

Monday’s results

Britain 9 Russia 6

South Korea 11 United States 2

Japan 8 China 5

Switzerland 10 China 6

Denmark 8 Britain 7

Canada 9 South Korea 4

Sweden 8 Japan 4

Wednesday’s games

SEMIFINALS

Canada vs. Britain, 5 a.m.

Sweden vs. Switzerland, 5 a.m.

HOCKEY

PRELIMINARY ROUND

All times Eastern

MEN

Group A

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pts
U.S,	3	2	0	0	0	15	4	8
Russia	3	1	0	0	0	8	5	6
Slovenia	3	1	0	0	2	6	11	3
Slovakia	3	0	0	0	2	2	11	1

Group B

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pts
Canada	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**2**	**8**
Finland	3	2	0	1	0	15	7	7
Austria	3	1	0	0	2	7	15	3
Norway	3	0	0	0	3	3	12	0

Group C

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	3	3	0	0	0	10	5	9
Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	2	1	6
Czech Rep.	3	1	0	0	2	6	7	3
Latvia	3	0	0	0	3	5	10	0

Note: Three points awarded for a regulation win, two for an overtime/shootout win and one for an overtime/shootout loss.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

QUALIFICATION PLAYOFF ROUND

Slovenia 4 Austria 0

Russia 4 Norway 0

Czech Republic 5 Slovakia 3

Latvia 3 Switzerland 1

Wednesday’s games

QUARTERFINALS

Slovenia at Sweden, 3 a.m.

Russia at Finland, 7:30 a.m.

Latvia at **Canada**, 12 p.m.

Czech Republic at United States, 12 p.m.

Friday’s games

SEMIFINALS

TBAA at TBAH, 7 a.m.

TBAA at TBAH, 12 p.m.

Saturday’s games

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

TBAA at TBAH, 10 a.m.

Sunday’s games

GOLD MEDAL GAME

TBAA at TBAH, 7 a.m.

WOMEN

Tuesday’s results

SEVENTH PLACE GAME

Germany 3 Japan 2

FIFTH PLACE GAME

Finland 4 Russia 0

Thursday’s games

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Switzerland at Sweden, 7 a.m.

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Canada at United States, 12 p.m.

Forza Vancouver! 'Caps sign Italian goalkeeper

MLS. 25-year-old former Chicago Fire keeper will likely back up David Ousted

CAM TUCKER
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There was a new face at training as the Vancouver Whitecaps took to the rain-drenched pitch at UBC's Thunderbird Stadium on Tuesday.

Paolo Tornaghi took part in Tuesday's team practice, with the Whitecaps later announcing the addition of the Italian-born goalkeeper to the roster. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

He will count as a domestic player in Major League Soccer, after getting permanent residency status in the U.S. last September, the club said in a statement.

Tornaghi has spent the last two seasons with the Chicago Fire in MLS. According to the MLS Players Union, Tornaghi made $46,500 with the Fire in 2013.

He'll likely be used as a back-up to Denmark's David Ousted, who came to the Whitecaps midway through last season and took over as the starting goalkeeper in August, but could also push the incumbent for playing time as the season goes along.

"I would do my best to do my best on the field," said the 25-year-old Tornaghi. "I think it's great that a team has a couple of good goalies that can, of course, push each other."

In two seasons with Chicago, Tornaghi appeared in nine games, all of which he started. His combined record with the Fire was 3-4-2.

"It was a good experience for me playing in Chicago my first two years in MLS," he said. "That was the past. I'm very focused on my present, my future with the Whitecaps."

The Whitecaps conclude the pre-season with three exhibition games at Providence Park, Portland's newly re-named stadium, which used to be Jeld-Wen Field.

Follow Cam Tucker on Twitter @camtucker_metro

Pre-season matchups

The Whitecaps' first pre-season match is Sunday against Portmore United. The team will then play the San Jose Earthquakes on Wednesday, and the Portland Timbers on Saturday.

Goalie controversy?

"I think it's great that a team has a couple of good goalies that can, of course, push each other."

Newly acquired goalkeeper Paolo Tornaghi, who took to the practice field Tuesday, will likely back up starting keeper David Ousted

Goalkeeper Paolo Tornaghi of the Chicago Fire tosses the ball in 2012 in Bridgeview, Illinois. Tornaghi took to the UBC pitch Tuesday, with the Whitecaps later announcing his addition to the team's roster. TASOS KATOPODIS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

CFL. Stampeders name Mueller to coaching staff

The Calgary Stampeders have added Marc Mueller to the coaching staff as a defensive assistant, filling their coaching roster.

Mueller is the grandson of the late Ron Lancaster, the Hall-of-Fame quarterback and long-time head coach in the CFL.

Last season, Mueller was quarterbacks coach of the University of Regina Rams, his alma mater.

Under the 24-year-old Regina native's guidance, the Rams led Canada West in passing offence with 359.4 yards per game.

The Stampeders have already hired Rich Stubler as defensive co-ordinator and Pat DelMonaco as offensive line coach. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Canucks to get back to work Wednesday

The Olympics are still on, and a good chunk of NHL players are still competing for their respective countries in Sochi.

But teams around the league are returning to the ice for practice. The Canucks will have a skate at Rogers Arena on Wednesday.

It's likely to look like a mini training camp, with six practices slated before Vancouver's schedule resumes on Feb. 26 versus St. Louis.

The Canucks, decimated by injuries, entered the Olympic break with seven consecutive losses. They will begin the stretch drive of the regular season sitting 10th in the Western Conference.

Wednesday's skate could provide an idea of just how beneficial the break was for players dealing with injury.

Captain Henrik Sedin has missed eight of the last 10 games with a rib injury, Chris Tanev has missed six consecutive games with a thumb injury and Kevin Bieksa has missed five consecutive games with what the club is calling a bruised foot. CAM TUCKER/METRO

MLB. Morrow takes fall for Jays' mound of garbage

As the Toronto Blue Jays got busy in 2014, pitcher Brandon Morrow offered a blunt assessment of what went wrong in a most disappointing 2013.

He began with the rotation.

"We pitched like garbage," Morrow said Monday at Toronto's first spring training workout.

"Starting pitchers were awful the first month, myself included. I mean, none of us were pitching like we wanted to, whether it was just bad luck that all five of us were going through that same time, or just putting pressure on ourselves," he said.

Morrow's season ended in May because of a forearm injury. The right-hander finished 2-3 with a 5.63 ERA.

R.A. Dickey and Mark Buehrle, both expected to be aces, barely wound up over .500. Josh Johnson went 2-8, got injured and now plays for San Diego. The Blue Jays were picked by many last year to be a World Series contender. But stumbled to a 74-88 record and finished last in the AL East. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After the 'cray, cray' Incognito Tweets his apology

Richie Incognito has changed his social media tone after details of a report by the National Football League were made public . JOEL AUERBACH/GETTY IMAGES

Dolphins offensive lineman Richie Incognito offered apologies to teammate Jonathan Martin, team owner Stephen Ross and investigator Ted Wells on Tuesday in the wake of the NFL-ordered report detailing a racially charged bullying scandal.

The report stated there was a "pattern of harassment" committed by Incognito and teammates John Jerry and Mike Pouncey that extended to two Dolphins linemen and an assistant trainer, all targets of vicious taunts and racist insults.

On his Twitter account, Incognito wrote, "I would like to send Jonathan my apologies as well. Until someone tells me different you are still my brother. No hard feelings :)"

He also apologized to Wells and Ross, saying "this (stuff) got cray, cray."

Incognito, 30, had closed his Twitter account for two days, but returned Monday night with a noticeably different tone, apologizing for "acting like a big baby."

The six-foot-three, 319-pound lineman said he wants to play football again. Incognito's contract with the Dolphins is about to expire, making him an unrestricted free agent.

It's unclear if Incognito will face punishment from the NFL. League spokesman Greg Aiello said on Monday that the NFL will comment "at the appropriate time" on Wells' report.

Incognito's tweets have taken on a vastly different tone than they did less than a week ago when he went on a rant that quickly went viral, blasting Martin and his representative Ken Zuckerman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twitter rewind

"The truth is going to bury you and your entire camp. You could have told the truth the entire time."

Dolphins lineman Richie Incognito blasts Martin and his attorney on Twitter last week

DRIVE

Honda hit hybrid high in 2014

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Review. The last time Honda made a hybrid as impressive as the Accord it was over a decade ago with the original Insight

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When a new hybrid sedan is called for, it appears that Honda is finally prepared to step up and deliver.

But instead of just one version of the Accord, there are two to consider: the Accord Plug-In that might possibly come to Canada (it's now available stateside); and another with less battery juice that you don't plug in.

Both hybrids can operate on battery or gasoline power independently or together in combination. It's the type of system commonly used in the Toyota Camry, Ford Fusion and Hyundai Sonata/Kia Optima duo.

Up to now for Honda, the electric motor operated only in tandem with the gas engine (referred to as a partial or mild hybrid). That makes for good, but not exactly leading-edge fuel economy, and Honda has come up short in challenging Toyota and others for its rightful share of the expanding hybrid market. Until now, that is (see factbox).

The secret to the Accord Hybrid is what Honda calls its Intelligent Multi-Mode Drive, or i-MMD. The system consists of two electric motors that are serviced by a lithium-ion battery pack plus a 141-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine. One 166-horsepower electric motor serves as the Accord's primary powerplant and principally drives the front wheels, while the other motor acts as a fixed-ratio direct-drive continuously variable transmission (referred to by Honda as an e-CVT).

The gasoline engine functions exclusively as a generator for much of the time (sort of like the Chevrolet Volt) by supplying power to the drive motor as well as helping to recharge the batteries. But at cruising speeds above 70 km-h, it seamlessly connects to drive the front wheels, with or without electric-motor assist, depending on the load (accelerating and or heading uphill). In these instances, the system's 195 net total horsepower and 226 pound-feet of torque come into play.

The reason the Accord's city fuel economy is so impressive is that at speeds below 70 km-h, and under light-load conditions, only the electric drive motor is functioning to power the front wheels, or while the batteries have sufficient juice.

The entire drivetrain is cradled in a weight-saving all-aluminum sub-frame that replaces the steel and aluminum one installed in regular Accords. Additionally, an aluminum rear bumper beam replaces the steel version. The weight savings help partially offset the battery pack that's packaged behind the rear seat and reduces trunk space by about 25 per cent.

Accord Hybrid pricing begins at $31,300, including destination charges for the base model, which includes a wide assortment of content. The Touring trim level adds forward collision and lane departure warning safety systems, moonroof and a premium sound package along with LED headlights, adaptive cruise control (which keeps you following at a safe distance) and a navigation system.

Without question Honda has become a technological leader in gasoline-electric propulsion. Whether the company can trade on the Accord's already rousing success and convert new buyers would seem to be a foregone conclusion. Why? It's the hybrid that everyone knew Honda could build.

Compare

1 Ford Fusion hybrid
Base price: $30,400

2 Toyota Camry hybrid
Base price: $29,500

2014 Honda Accord Hybrid

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive mid-size sedan
- **Engines (hp)** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (141) and a 166-horsepower electric motor (195, net)
- **Transmissions.** Continuously variable
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $31,300

Design

Visually, the Accord Hybrid lacks the different nose that has been assigned to its Plug In counterpart, but it does feature a blue-accented grille, headlights and running lights, plus unique 17-inch wheels. Also, a trunk spoiler and special lower body panel improve vehicle aerodynamics (to help reduce fuel consumption)

Fuel economy

Honda claims it has leap-frogged the pack with a class-leading 3.7 l/100 km in the city and 4.0 on the highway. The top-selling Toyota Camry hybrid is rated at 4.5/4.9 and the Ford Fusion at 4.0/4.1. The Accord also beats out both the Hyundai Sonata and Kia Optima hybrid models that are rated at 5.4/4.9.

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The latest generation C-Class entered the market for model-year 2008 with new styling, more power and technology.

The entry-level Mercedes sedan in North America, standard models initially offered a range of V6 engines with no less than 201 horsepower, and up to 300-plus horsepower, depending on the model selected. Look for automatic transmissions and available All Wheel Drive, as designated by the '4Matic' badge. Rear wheel drive was standard.

Later in this model's life, a coupe variant joined the lineup, as did a 1.8 litre turbocharged four-cylinder base engine. Feature content included premium audio, push-button start, climate-controlled leather seats, xenon lights, navigation, Bluetooth and plenty more. Key competitors included the Lexus IS, BMW 3 Series and Audi A4.

Test drive

Start your test drive noting the condition of the C-Class's tires and brakes, as some owners have reported premature wear of these components. Sit with the vehicle in 'PARK' and turn the steering wheel fully from one side to the other, quickly, a few times. Any 'knocking' sound from beneath the vehicle in the process could be the result of a faulty or worn-out bushing in the steering system. Not a major issue, but one that should be addressed. Hard shifting or check-engine lights are likely caused by faulty sensors, though they could indicate transmission or engine trouble. In any case, be sure to have a mechanic 'scan' the mode's computer brain to investigate any issues or warning lights or messages. Though largely inconsequential, numerous owners have reported issues with the newer 7-speed automatic transmission—meaning that the older and more proven 5-speed unit may be a better choice if you're not opting for extended powertrain warranty coverage. Trouble signs in a model with the 7-speed automatic may include jerky shifting, especially at speed or just after overtaking another vehicle at full throttle. Test-drivers are advised to be sure they confirm proper operation from the stereo system and Bluetooth system, as well as all power seat adjustments, door locks, windows and the sunroof.

PHOTO: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

What owners like

Owners report stable handling, an opulent cabin, a great up-level stereo system and even good fuel mileage—especially with the 7-speed automatic that was added mid-cycle. Easy-to-use technology and styling rounded out the package.

What owners dislike

Complaints include noisy power seat adjustment, sometimes-noisy brakes, limited rear-seat headroom for taller passengers and the awkward placement of some of the controls around the steering wheel.

The verdict

The majority of owners of this generation of C-Class report minor issues, if any at all. A healthy, properly-maintained unit free of trouble signs, or one from a Certified Pre Owned program with extra warranty, should deliver plenty of worry-free luxury driving.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will receive advice from all directions today, making it difficult to work out who is talking sense. Maybe you should shut yourself away for an hour or two and come to your own conclusions.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You would be wise to keep your cash in your pocket today because if you make one wrong move, you may have to make several more to cover it up and before you know what's happening it will be costing you a fortune.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
It will pay you to keep a low profile and wait for the effects of today's Mercury-Saturn alignment to pass. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to your work.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may want to give voice to your feelings today but is that really such a good idea? The planets warn you won't do your cause much good if you let your resentments out for everyone to see.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Steer clear of people who seem to enjoy talking about their worries. It may make them feel good to feel bad but it will spoil what might otherwise be a marvelous day.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Someone who is jealous of your popularity will make life tough for you today but they are unlikely to succeed. Let the negativity go over your head. It'll annoy them. Good.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will have to tell a little white lie today, the kind that keeps a friend from getting into serious trouble. A few days from now, when they realize what you did, they will thank you profusely.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Avoid quick fixes and dubious schemes today because they will cost you money. Anyone who approaches you with any of those once-in-a-lifetime, just-can't-lose proposals must be shown the door.

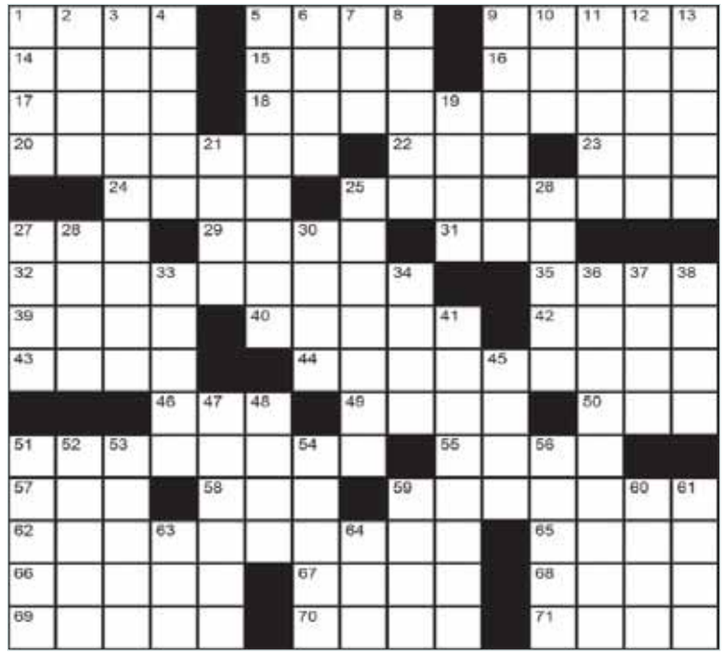
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You must control your temper today. That may be easier said than done but it must be done or what starts as a minor dispute could quickly get out of hand. Avoid people who like to fight.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you make a promise today you will have to keep, so think carefully before making a commitment. With Mercury, planet of communication, under lots of pressure you should keep your mouth shut.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
What you are worrying about is not worth the time. A few days from now, you will look back and wonder how you could have gotten so worked up about something so trivial.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun is moving through your sign and you're feeling on top of the world but today's Mercury-Saturn link could dampen your mood with negative news. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down



See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

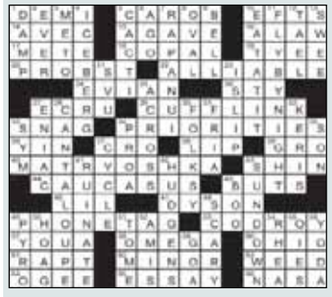
Across

1. Estonia's Lake __
5. By-the-tracks structures, for short
9. Floral leaf
14. Owl's call
15. Wholly Part link: 2 wds.
16. Disney dog
17. Wanes
18. SOCHI 2014 - Biathlon competition: 2 wds.
20. Error
22. Verdi aria: "__ Tu"
23. Extremist org. in 1974 headlines
24. Tunesmith Lisa
25. Nunavut: Sylvia __ Territorial Park
27. Fib
29. Mr. Matsuhisa (Celebrity chef)
31. Canuck rock gr.
32. Moscow: One of the vivid architectural features of Saint Basil's Cathedral: 2 wds.
35. Spinning stats
39. Kabul, __.
40. Part of Fred Flintstone's roar!
42. Old Rome's 1052
43. Qatar's capital
44. Maggie Gyllenhaal's actor husband Peter
46. Arctic explorer John
49. Misplace
50. Ms. West
51. SOCHI 2014 - Snowboard event, __ Giant Slalom
55. Keen on
57. Tokyo, formally
58. Ms. Zadora
59. Not for
62. Canadian painter of The Jack Pine: 2 wds.
65. Sarah McLachlan song
66. SOCHI 2014 - Adler __ Skating Center
67. Labourer, in olde Anglo-Saxon times
68. Rock 'n' What?
69. Canadian furniture store since 1909
70. Origin
71. Carpenter and Fire

Down

1. "Pardon me..."
2. Quebecoise singer, Alys __ (b.1923 - d.2011)
3. SOCHI 2014 - Winter Olympics sport
4. John Lennon's "__ __ Hard"
5. 1984 Bryan Adams tune
6. Jaunt
7. Veto
8. Curl the lips
9. SOCHI 2014 - Cross-Country event, Team __
10. 'Client' completer
11. Legume
12. In the least: 2 wds.
13. Devoted
19. Smidgen
21. Memphis, __.
25. Candy machine product: 2 wds.
26. "Candle in the Wind" subject, __ Jean
27. Cargo
28. Lowdown
30. Feathery scarves
33. Canadian actress Catherine
34. River of Spain
36. Luc __ (French Canadian lyricist of the musical Notre-Dame de Paris)
37. Ms. Sorvino
38. "West __ Story" (1961)
41. Designated
45. Ms. Rowlands
47. First Greek letters
48. Director Mr. Petri
51. Flower's one-of-some
52. Love lots
53. Shakespeare role
54. Designer chairs surname
56. Accessory for Queen Elizabeth
59. Excellent
60. Sediment
61. Mr. Bachman's
63. Cable TV network Spike, formerly
64. NNW u-turn

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

		4				5		
		1	6		3	7		
8				4				6
	2	8	3		5	4	1	
	3	6	8		7	2	9	
1				9				4
		9	7		8	1		
		7				6		

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	9	2	4	5	1	8	3	6
8	3	5	2	6	7	9	1	4
1	6	4	3	8	9	5	2	7
6	4	8	1	2	5	3	7	9
9	5	1	7	3	8	6	4	2
2	7	3	9	4	6	1	5	8
3	8	7	6	1	4	2	9	5
5	2	9	8	7	3	4	6	1
4	1	6	5	9	2	7	8	3

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- **5 YEAR** COMPREHENSIVE WARRANTY††
- **5 YEAR** LEASING WITH BI-WEEKLY PAYMENTS
- **5 YEAR 0%** FINANCING AVAILABLE

ON SELECT MODELS

2014'S WITH BI-WEEKLY LEASING

HWY: 7.3L/100 KM
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Limited model shown

HWY: 5.3L/100 KM
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■ HEATED FRONT SEATS ■ AM/FM/XM™/CD/MP3 6-SPEAKER AUDIO SYSTEM W/ AUX/USB JACKS ■ BLUETOOTH® HANDS-FREE PHONE SYSTEM ■ STABILITY MANAGEMENT WITH ESC AND TRACTION CONTROL

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(AMOUNT SHOWN ON 2013 SONATA HYBRID)

2013 ELANTRA L

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HWY: 5.2L/100 KM
CITY: 7.1L/100 KM▼

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5 YEAR†† WARRANTY

5 YEAR WARRANTY
5-year/100,000 km Comprehensive Limited Warranty††
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